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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Pham et al.

Serial No. 10/676,388

Filed: September 30, 2003

For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR APPLYING
LIQUID TO A CMP POLISHING
PAD

Examiner: THOMAS, D.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

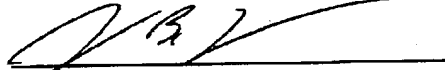
If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact George B. Leavell at (408) 749-6900, ext 6923.

Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Ref LAM2P441) for any charges that may be due or credit our account for any overpayment. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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